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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Relief from Illegal Actions of Microsoft Monopoly

Dear DOJ,

Following the findings of fact in the U.S. v. Microsoft case, which have stood on appeal, my sincere wish is that relief from future illegal actions by this monopoly can be provided by my government, acting through our courts. Please do not give up the fight to protect US from continuing illegal actions simply because the fight will be long and arduous.

I believe that the proposed settlement not only establishes, but enshrines the behaviors of Microsoft that have been found to be illegal and have been significant factors leading to their current monopolies (Operating Systems, Office Productivity Software, Web Browsers). I believe that the consequences of the proposed settlement would be to reward the past illegal acts of Microsoft by encouraging Microsoft to behave illegally as they use the power of their current monopolies to leverage and extend into new monopolies in Internet commerce/trade, Internet certification/credentialing, and providing Internet application services. These three examples are potential growth areas where I am afraid we will see strangled competition and Microsoft establishing new monopolies through illegal actions under the proposed settlement of U.S. v. Microsoft.

I wish to see a remedy that will deter (not encourage) future illegal actions by this monopoly. I realize that it may be impossible to restore competition in current monopoly areas because many of the competitors have long since fallen by the wayside. We need to focus on the future where changes can be made.

Very Truly Yours,

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